

be allowed to the commissioners for their services in taking subscriptions, but the same shall be rendered gratis.

ROBERT SMITH, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXX.

*An ACT to incorporate the German religious society of Seventh day Baptists, of Ephrata, in the township of Cocalico, in the county of Lancaster, and for other purposes.*

WHEREAS the monastic branch of the religious society of seventh day Baptists, of Ephrata, in the township of Cocalico, in the county of Lancaster, is reduced to a few aged and infirm members, who are incapable of managing their estate, and upon whose death the same will probably become extinct; and whereas, the members of the said society have united in their petition to the legislature, praying for an incorporation of the whole society, and that the estate belonging thereto should be vested in the said corporation, for the religious, charitable and literary purposes of the said society: therefore,

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the religious society of seventh day Baptists, of Ephrata, in the township of Cocalico, and county of Lancaster, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style, and title of the seventh day Baptists, of Ephrata; and Christian Bowman, Jacob Gorgas, Abel Witmer, Samuel Fahnestock, Jacob Kimmel, junior, Obed Fahnestock, and Jacob Koenigmacker, be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the said religious society, to continue in office until others shall be elected, as is hereinafter directed, and they or any four of them shall have power, out of the funds and profits of the real estate of the society, to provide for the comfortable support and maintenance of the in door members of the said society, during the respective lives of the said in door members, to manage the business of the said society, to lease the lands and real estate belonging to the same; provided, they shall grant no lease nor dispose of any real estate for a longer term than four years, and to receive the rents, issues and profits thereof, and they or any four of them shall also have power to bring suits as trustees aforesaid, for any real or personal*

Trustees of the society.

Powers of.

Proviso.

estate, and to receive all debts or sums of money due to the society, or to any other in trust for them: *provided*, that before the said trustees shall act in the premises, they shall respectively become bound by bond or recognizances to the commonwealth, in such sum and with such security as shall be approved of the orphans' court of Lancaster county, conditioned for the faithful execution of the trust hereby confided.

*Proviso.*

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the trustees shall be elected on the first Monday of January, in every fourth year after the passing of this act, at the town of Ephrata, in the county of Lancaster, and whenever any vacancy shall happen by reason of the death, absence out of the state, resignation, inability, or refusal to serve of any trustee, such members of said church as shall be in communion and unity with the same, shall have power to fill such vacancy by electing other trustee or trustees out of their own number at any time or times hereafter, as often as such vacancy shall happen, and the trustees to be elected shall have the same powers with those appointed by this act.

*Election of trustees, and how vacancies shall be supplied.*

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all the estate, real, personal and mixed belonging to the said religious society, at and immediately before the passing of this act, be and the same is hereby vested in the said religious society, to be by them ordered, regulated and managed to the best advantage, and the proceeds thereof to be applied from time to time, for the use, maintenance and support of them members of the society, and for the support of the poor of the said society, and to such other uses, intent and purposes as to the said society may seem meet, consistently with the provisions of this act; *provided*, that the rights, privileges and immunities of John A. Kelp, Jonathan Kelp, Catharine Kelp, and Christian Luther, who are now residing on the premises of the said society, shall be and continue as heretofore for and during their natural lives respectively, and provided that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to affect or intertere with the rights of any individual or individuals whatever, or shall authorize the said society to purchase or hold any other real or mixed estate than what is hereby vested in them, except the interest of money, which shall not exceed five hundred dollars per annum, and provided further that if the said company shall misuse or abuse the privileges hereby granted, it shall be lawful for the legislature at any future time to revoke and annul the same.

*Estates &c. vested in the said society.*

*Of the proceeds, &c.*

*Proviso.*

*Rights of individuals not to be affected hereby.*

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